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THE FBIS-BBC WORKING GROUP ON STANDARDIZATION HAD A MEETING ON 31 JULY TO CONSIDER YOUR 7 JULY SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE GROUP'S LIST OF JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS ON SOURCE LINES; THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED:

1. IT APPROVED INTACT ALL OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS COVERING THE FIRST EIGHT SOURCE LINE RECOMMENDATIONS;

2. IT ACCEPTED HEADQUARTERS' OBJECTIONS TO THE NINTH SOURCE LINE RECOMMENDATION AND AMENDED IT TO STIPULATE THAT THE DESTINATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SOURCE LINE ONLY WHEN IT CLEARLY SERVES A USEFUL PURPOSE;

3. IT DRAFTED AN ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION AIMED AT FILLING A GAP IN THE ORIGINAL LIST. WE SEE NO REASON WHY YOU SHOULDN'T APPROVE THIS ONE;

4. IT AGREED TO RESOLVE AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING THE QUESTION OF CLANDESTINES AND TO SUBMIT ITS JOINT RECOMMENDATION TO YOU IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD. THIS WILL LEAVE ONLY THE QUESTION OF REGIONAL SOURCE LINES TO BE RESOLVED AFTER THAT;

5. THE BBC SIDE HAS AGREED TO MAKE AVAILABLE SHORTLY ITS

LIST OF SOURCE LINES THAT OUGHT TO INCLUDE THE COUNTRY; IT PROMISES IT WON'T BE A LONG LIST;

WE'LL POUCH YOU THE MINUTES OF THE 31 JULY MEETING AS SOON AS THEY'RE TYPED, PROBABLY EARLY NEXT WEEK; THE BBC "COUNTRY" LIST SHOULD FOLLOW SOON AFTER; 01/1346Z AUG

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